(e) if not, when they are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) There was a target to commission 41 new telephone exchanges in Himachal Pradesh during 1993-94.

(b) 40 new telephone exchanges were commissioned out of this target.

(c) No, Sir. As per policy of Department, new telephone Exchange is planned to be opened at a place when registered paid demand reaches 10 or more and no such demand is exist. ing in these places.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) There is a proposal to set up a new telephone exchange at Gander during 1995-96. This exchange will serve Bardam, Bendahu and Paplah Gram Panchayats. However, some villages of "Sakoh Panchayat have already been provided telephone connections from the existing exchange at Alampur.

.. Formation of MTNl, for Metro .. Cities

61. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have pro. jposal to convert .the existing tele-»m circles in metro politan cities such as Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad and Bangalore on. the lines of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam limited soon:

(b) if so, the details *of* the steps taken in this regard;

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to toe taken;

(d) whether the MTNL, for other metropolitan cities would be formed during the Eigh the Plan period; and

(e) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Working of Tac and Pac for Assam Circle

62. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and address of the present members of the Telecom Advisory Committee (TAC) as well as Postal Advisory Committee (PAC) for Assam circle stating the respective interests represented ith the respective telephone numbers provided to them as TAC members alongwith the dates of installation of these tele-phonos;

(b) what is the tenure of the cur. rent TAC and PAC as in (a) above;

(c) the details off meeting(s) held so far by the said TAC and PAC, if any, meeting-wise details alongwith the recommendations made by them and those implemented by the Government, member-wise details; and

(d) the details of the amounts of Travelling Allowance and the Daily Allowance paid to each of the said TAC and PAC members so far dur-in.fr their current tenure memberwise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM: (a) Sir, the required information in respect of the names of Assam Tele phone Advisory ommittee -members, the interests they represent and their telephone numbers are given in the enclosed Statement I. (See belotu).